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THE GEM CITY NEWS

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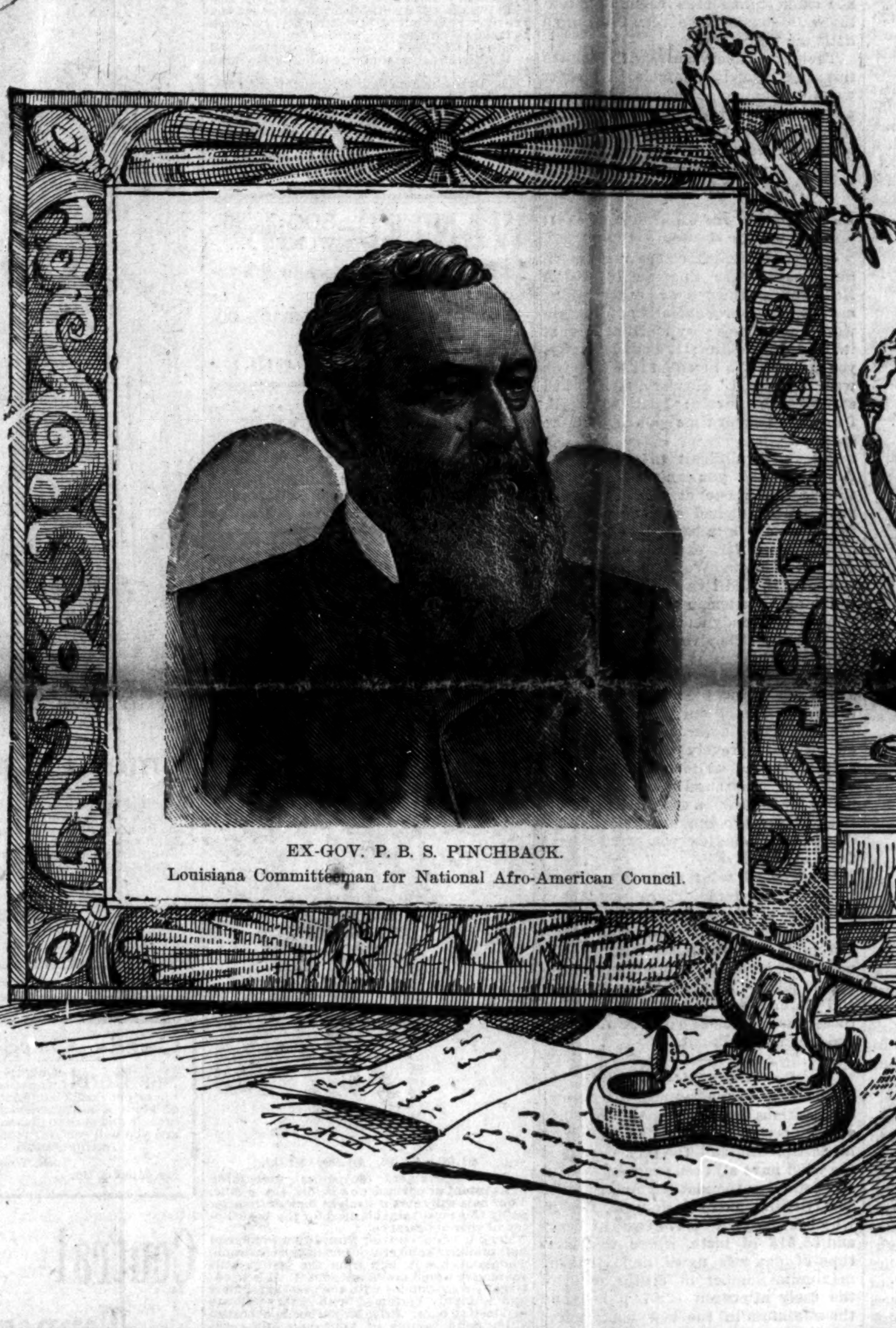
MAKING THE HOLIDAYS PLEASANT

The Boys in Blue—The Twenty-one Club—Personal Mention—Interesting News Items of General Interest.

Dayton, O.. Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oldham, of 45 Zigzag street, served a dinner on Thursday in honor of Rev. Gilmin and family, guest were Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Robert Cook. Mrs. Lurah Nichols, of Richmond, Ind., spent a few of the holidays in our city among friends. Mr. Farmer of 28 Brewer street is on the sick list. Mrs. R. A. Malong, of West Fifth street is ill. R. C. Hoke is again able to be out after a long illness. Mrs. Lula Bowman of Tiffin, O., spent the Xmas week in our city the guest of her many friends and relatives. Geo. Stewart, is spending his vacation with his family in Ziglar street. Mr. Bird, of Port Huron, Mich., spent Xmas week in our city, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boone and family West Fifth street. Walter Barlow spent a part of the holidays in Cincinnati and Lockland. guest of friends a good time was reported. Thos. M. Clark, of 99 Mead street is on the sick list, suffering with lagrippe. Messrs, Artist and Tracy from out of town cities, were the guest of Mr. Edward Harris during the holidays, they enjoyed themselves most hugely while here. The boys in blue were here from the 9th, U. S. Cavalry, spending the holidays. Corp'l. Wm. Sampson, Private Taylor and Price, they seem to be having a good time. All friends are glad to meet them, and to know they returned safe, but with a great sympathy in regards to the death of Wm. Wil- [illegible] Com." Jas. W. Page, has re[illegible]ome after a visit of four months in [illegible]sburgh, Pa. Miss Edna Comers, of Springfield, spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Hoke, of West 5th street. Wm. Stewart, of Midletown, spent a few days in the city last week. Miss Ida Sidney and Geo. Hall, of Franklin, was in Wednesday guest of the None Such Club. Miss M. Huggard and T. M. Taylor, of Piqua, spent Sunday in our city guest of Miss Adella Butler of Mead street. The None Such Club gave their first reception Wednesday evening at Hawkins Parlors. Dutch luncheon and dancing was the feature of the evening. Music by Young & Parsons orchestra with rag time music. The concert given by the ladtes of the Twenty-one Club was quite an elaborate affair, several solos by good talent, but the Minuet surpassed them all, by the young ladies with their sweet voices. Miss Lula Henderson, due great credit for her music talent. The entertainmant given by the Masons at their Castle was quite a success. The New Year's reception by R. B. Elliot Co K. of P. No 1 was a grand affair. The Staff are all glad to know that they were all spared to witness the New Year of 99, and also wish their friends a Happy New Year. The Freeman can be found for sale at Richard Beards confectionary 223 West 5th street, he keeps open all day Sunday. Any person wanting to subscribe for The Freeman, call on W. A. Johnson 212 South Main street.



EX-GOV. P. B. S. PINCHBACK.
Louisiana Committeeman for National Afro-American Council.

News and Notes.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

Mrs. Lena Mason preached here Sunday. The theme being "Our Father," at the A. M. E. church of which J. W. Sanders is the pastor. Hon. J. H. Pelham was presented a neat picture by the high-school of which he is the efficient principal. Miss Eliza Settles of [illegible]glass school, is on the sick list. Rev. Cole, of the Baptist church here, has accepted the call of the First Baptist church in St. Louis, Mo. The Douglass Literary Club is having much success. A new election will soon take place. A Ladies' Court is being organized here. It is said to be growing and will soon be a grand female Masonic lodge. Mr. Warren Clay has opened a barbershop under his own management. Rev. Helms preached here. It is probable that he will be the pastor of the Baptist church. Edward Phenix, William Wright, William Hobbs, James Spears and James Hamilton are the progressive members of the Douglass Literary Club.

In and About the City of Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.

The many friends of Rev. Hillman will be pleased to learn of his recovery. Aunt Annie Scott is sick at her home with la grippe. Mrs. Chalotte Teller is scheduled on the sick list this week. Aunt Juda Jones departed this life Wednesday morning the 21 at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Chandler died with quick consumption at her home on Mulberry street. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss. The A. M. E. church, Rev. S. B. Jones, pastor, gave a concert Saturday night, Dec. 24, up stairs and Xmas tree in basement. "Jacob's Ladder" was given at Rev. S. M. Jones' church, (Freewill Baptist). Quite a novelty for Xmas decorations. Rev. Henson of A. M. E. mission is heard from, stating that an elaborate program accompanied with a Xmas tree Saturday, Dec. 24. We are proud to compliment Prof. Lewis, our leading barber, on his accomplished brother, Richard who sang soprano in Scott's minstrels at the Grand Wednesday evening the 21. Mr. Richard Lewis is one of the best soprano singers that the stage produces of eitner sex or race. His best hit was "She's to be pittied more than censured." Marsh Craig, the greatest contortionest of the dawning nineteenth century met with heart-felt approvement on his wonderful performances. Allie Brown, the slack wire artist has no equal. Where is Mr. Primrose with his imitations? No imitation is equal to the genuine. Success to you. E. B. Powell spent his vacation at his home, Carmi, Ill. Sunday was rally day at Rev. Hillman's church. The entire business block from 4 to 6 was wiped out by fire. Six firemen were probably hurt and eight employees. The estimated loss: Haven & Geddes, $525,000; W. H. Albrecht & Co., $95,000; Pixley & Co., $50,000; Breinig & Miller, $40,000; Thorman & Schlass, $40,000; Ford & Overstreet, $35,000; Shildon & Swope, $45,000; Chicago Store, $10,000; miscellaneous burning. $1,000. This was the largest fire Terre Haute ever witnessed.

Items of Interest.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Special.

James Johnson of Ottumwa, was here a few days last week. Rev. W. H. Weaver, of Baltimore, Md., gave an illustrated lecture at the Presbyterian church recently. His subject was "Elevation of the Colored Race in the South." He touched upon the stability of the character of the black man and pled for the uplifting of his race and for financial aid. A collection was taken which goes to the Freedman's aid of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. J. Wyatt Fiddle has recoved after several days illness. The Sunday School children of Second Baptist church presented a cantata at the Opera House Dec. 28th. Mrs. Maggie Neal of Lost Creek, Ia., was a guest of Mrs. L. Clark a few days ago. Special services were held at the A. M. E. church on New Years day. Mrs. Alice Johnson and grand-daughter Pearl Clemins will make Ottumwa, Ia., their future home. The Knights and daughter of Tabor gave a concert at the Opera House the 26th ult., under the supervision of Mrs. Postum. "Save the Boys" was the subject of a lecture given at Second Baptist church Friday evening.

In the Social Whirl.

Knoxville, Tenn.. Special.

The holiday sale of The Freeman this year excelled all others. Among the distinguish guests of the city during the holidays, were Misses Annie B. Floyd and Ida E. Bolden of Rogersville, and Mr. Luther Boyd of Moneyville, Tenn. Several young men of the city received invitations to attend a grand reception at Chattanooga on the 30th. All news for The Freeman leave at W. H. Dodson, and all who would like to read The Freeman call at Mr. Devault's barbershop with 5 cents; Luther Zimmerman and W. A. Turner, agents. Quite an enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Libiston, on Clinton street. The following names were the participants of the evening: Mr. W. M. Brooks and Miss A. B. Scott, Mr. James Prosser and Laura Scaggs, Mr. W. H. Dodson and Miss Clara Moore, Mr. W. A. Turner and Miss A. M. McCain, Rev. J. Cotton and Miss A. B. Floyd, Mr. J. R. West and Miss Lula Dogan, Rev. J. E. James and Miss Manda Brooks, Mr. Harrie Maynard and Miss I. B. Bolden, Rev. C. A. Bell and Miss L. J. Perry, were the social advocates. After consuming the hours from 8 p. m., till 1 a. m., in games and in various avenues of sociality, the guests returned to the dining-room; the social makers enjoyed themselves hugely, after masticating the different dainties which had been prepared for the event. At the hour of 2 a. m., the guests retired to their respective homes.

The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas number fully demonstrated that The Freeman is the foremost illustrated colored newspaper. Much of its space was devoted to the theatrical profession and the members thereof, yet there were many gems of thought and matter for serious reflection for all. Hurrah for The Freeman.—The Colorado Springs Sun.

NEWS OF INTEREST

PICKED UP IN AND ABOUT THE CITY. THE FREEMAN ON SALE.

DEATH OF PROMINENT CITIZENS

The Subscription List Growing Daily Under the Influence of our Hustling Agents—Church News.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Nancy Wilson of Hickman, Ky., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jackson. Frederick, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wells is very sick. Miss Perline Brassfield is on the sick list. Mr. D. W. Bridges is with us again and wants The Freeman. Rev. J. M. Holt of the A. M. E. church called his first rally on Sunday the 11th, raising the handsome sum of $56.00. Miles Edmonson, who has been a shoemaker here for sixteen years and a member of the Baptist church, died on the 11th. Every train up brings cotton pickers. You can get a fresh copy of The Freeman any Saturday evening by seeing H. D. Wells. Ben Moss is very sick. Alex Lawry and son Charley, are on the sick list. To the satisfaction of the members of the C. M. E. church, the Rev. G. W. Morgan will be with them another year. Mrs. Emily Hoard and Mrs. Will Hoard of Troy, were up last Friday visiting. Prof. Robinson of Middle Tennessee, lectured at the C. P. church on the 15th. The Belmont restaurant is doing a splendid business under the management of Mrs. Jennie Lynch. Mrs. M. Crawford has returned from Dyersburg, where she visited Mrs Tom Robinson. Mr. Ryle, of Jackson, is visiting his uncle, Dr. Jones. Mrs. Catherine Landrum, of Dresden, is visiting in the city this week. Friday Lawson has returned from Decatur, Ala. Rev. Charles Townsend, pastor of the C. M. E. church at Dresden, passed through on the 19th. Miss Mary Debow lost a fine buggy horse by founder on the 16th. J. E. Thomas says he can not be without The Freeman. The subscription is growing each day. Mrs. Pearl Valantine has presented her husband with a fine boy for Xmas. Mrs. Nannie Atkins is sick. Mr. Andrew Jones of Newbern, was in the city on the 20th. Calvin Cline, band master of the U. C. band, has gone up to Huming, Tenn., to teach the band at that place. Mrs. Jennie Osborne died at her home on Lone street on the 20th. Her funeral was preached by the Rev. J. M. Holt of the A. M. E. church of which she had been a member for nearly thirty years. The funeral was in charge of the Daughters of Olive. Aunt Jennie had been a member of that order for more than twenty years. She was 87 years of age and loved by all who knew her. On account of not being well and the bad weather that prevailed, Mrs. E. B. Wells closed her school at McConnell on the 19th. Until after Chrismas, send your news to your correspondent. You can get a copy of The Freeman any Saturday by seeing H. D. Wells. Brother Valuntine, presiding elder of the Union City district, was in the city visiting his mother The cake walk at the Odd-Fellows' hall, on the 15th inst., was well attended by both white and colored. Mr. Alex Brodie, one of the tonsorial artists in C. W. Wells' barbershop, visited his old home in Ripley, Tenn., recently.

Lansing Notes.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

The Xmas entertainment and supper given by the Capital Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M. on the 26th was an excellent affair. Their Xmas tree was loaded with beautiful presents and the crowded hall enjoyed the well arranged program. The music was superb, and the humerous selections by Miss Heart and Mr. Beverly were keenly appreciated. The address by Mr. Warren of the Michigan Agricultural College was well received. He is quite a logical young man. The A. M. E. Sunday school had their entertainment and tree on Xmas eve.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

If every fellow lives up to the new resolutions they have made for '99. No danger of a necktie party taking precedent to the peace that now reigns supreme.

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The Negro Council has met and made some eloquent speeches, passed some touching resolutions. The president has been talked to. He has talked to its committee on supplications, but what is to happen as a result of all this Washington stampede of Negro greatness, the stay at home thinkers of the race don't seem to know.

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Christmas is just as much in evidence as ever. No less a season of gayety and good feeling than when we were in our knee toggins. This is one of the annual events that seems able to stand even the test of knock out drops.

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It is pleasant to contemplate the possibilities of the race occuring from honest, earnest patient endeavor. We are glad of the past achievements, whatever sad events have come upon the unfortunates, we who are yet alive may thank an allwise Providence that it is as well with us as it is.

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We may apticipate some real good surprises yet in store for the race in '99. The President has enjoyed Negro hospitality in the south, but going to Negro college commencements is no new thing for Major McKinley. It will be remembered that he received his degree of L. L. D., from Wilberforce University at the same time Hon. Frederick Douglass was thus honored.

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American civilization is making progress, the race must take new heart, stronger hope and fresh courage, to avail itself of the good times just ahead of us. Let us try more each day to be American citizens in letter and spirit. Let us prove that the ballot has not been misplaced into our hands. If we can do this, a great deed has been accomplished, and a great victory won.

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A NEGROE'S ANGEL VISION.

The Negro sat in silent thought
Oh! thinking simply what to do,
His brilliant mind had realy caught
An idea, and I'll tell it you.

He said in accents soft and low
God hears the helpless races prayer,
He'll strike the south an awful blow
And teach the meanest to be fair.

He thought of law and cruel wrong
The president and frail mankind,
He said to God, Oh; Lord how long
Will seduced justice remain blind?

Then came an angel in his thought
Dispelling sorrow gloom and doubt,
The angel whispered, "God has wrought
An easy way to help you out.

And you must righteous ways persue
As you have trod continue so,
And God will come and strengthen you
And bless you as you Godly grow."

And then the angel disappeared
Oh what a peace he left behind,
He scarcely knew just why he feared
But God he's sure will bless mankind.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Freeman, an illustrated colored newspaper, published in this city by George L. Knox, has issued a Christmas number of twenty pages. It is profusely illustrated with portraits and the calendared quality of the paper gives an excellent typographical appearance.—Indianapolis Daily News.

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The Christmas edition of The Freeman is published in this city by Mr. George L. Knox, consists of twenty pages printed on fine book paper. The issue makes a special point of discussing colored people on the stage who have attained prominence before the footlights. The whole paper is profusely illustrated and on the first page are shown the pictures of Isham's octoroon beauties, with discriptive sketch. In the second part of the paper there is an interesting article on Ernest Hogan, who has gained prominence as a song writer and comedian in the Black Patti troubadours company. A number of the contributions in the paper devote themselves to the discussion of the Negro problem from the black man's standpoint. The editorial page contains an editorial entitled "Merry Christmas," which briefly reviews the situation of the race question as it stands at present, and that which has transpired during the year about to end in the Negro World.—Indianapolis Daily Sentinel.

The Freeman in Eufaula, Ala.

All persons in Eufaula, Ala., who would like to subscrcbe for The Freeman, please address W. H. Wallace, Eufaula, Ala., office at A. H. Gary's barbershop.

Again the far famed Freeman offers to its friends the $1.00 rate. In doing so it does not in any way insinuate that those long wishing to subscribe (but have not for some reason) are not able to pay the regular rate, but it has become one of our principles to make to the race an annual offering. Now is the time to subscribe. Renewals are also in order. Do not procrastinate. The Freeman, $1.00 beginning Jan. 1st. and closing Jan. 31st.

AUTHORS' MANUSCRIPTS.

Not Necessary For Editors to Read Them From Beginning to End.

Once more the tale goes round of the author who sent a story to three journals and had it returned by every one without having been read. He knew it because he had pasted two of the leaves together. Very likely. We do not think of reading through a half or a quarter of the articles that are sent to us. It often does not take half a minute to discard what one knows he doesn't want. It is an old saying that one does not need to eat a whole joint to learn whether it is tainted.

It would be a revelation to some of these writers to see how fast an experienced and conscientious editor can, at times, go through a big pile of essays, stories or poems. The title is often enough, and he would say, "We don't want an article on that subject." The next article begins with a page or two of commonplace introduction, and that is thrown aside in half a minute's inspection without turning more than the next page. The next begins with a platitude—"We can't print that stuff."

The first verse of this next poem has false meter and is tossed aside. The next begins in schoolgirl style, with "dove" and "love;" it is not read through. Of the next the editor reads ten lines. It is simply a dull description of a stream in a forest—not wanted. The next poem begins in a fresh way, seems to be constructed according to the rules, is pretty good. It is put one side to see if other better poems will crowd it out. The next is a story. The first page is promising, but the second shows a coarse strain, and the reading stops there.

Ten articles are decided upon, and with sufficient good judgment, in ten minutes, for a minute to a manuscript is often twice as much time as it needs. It does not take that long for a dealer to stick an iron skewer in a smoked ham, draw it out and smell of it. Not one article in a dozen perhaps needs to be read through.—New York Independent.

INSECTS AS HOODOOS.

They Keep Settlers Away From Many Parts of the World.

Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the importance of small things than the large role which is now attributed to the mosquito in the etiology of some of the most serious and widespread diseases to which the human race is subject. It is truly said that what prevents the successful colonization of many tropical countries and what throws the greatest obstacle in the way of civilization of and good government in vast regions of central Africa is not climate, not distance from home and not unfriendliness on the part of the natives. The obstacle is malaria, and now we find that the prevalence of malaria, so far as man is concerned, depends on the mosquito, and that this pestilent little insect, in addition to irritating and annoying, is the means by which the poison of malaria is propagated and distributed.

For years back botanists have known the important part played by birds in the scattering of seed and of insects in the distribution of the pollen of plants, and it seems not unlikely that pathologists will have to recognize in a much larger degree than has till lately been done the large part taken by the subordinate forms of life by which we are surrounded—our cattle, our horses, our dogs and cats, our flies, our mosquitoes, and perhaps even our fleas—in distributing disease from man to man, and, as is stated in regard to the mosquito and malaria, in deciding whether the extension of our empire over great areas of the globe's surface shall be possible or not.—Hospital.

Punctuation.

What a great difference in the meaning of a sentence a misplaced comma can make! Take the following, for example:

"James, my husband is a very sick man."

"James, my husband, is a very sick man."

The following bit of perverse punctuation was perpetrated by an English compositor. What the author meant to say can be ascribed by a rearrangement of the punctuation marks:

"Cæsar entered on his head; his helmet on his feet; armed sandals upon his brow; there was a cloud in his right hand; his faithful sword in his eye; an angry glare saying nothing, he sat down." — Pittsburg Chronicle - Telegraph.

Guy Fawkes' Lantern.

It has been settled beyond a doubt that the identical lamp which Guy Fawkes carried in poking about in the cellar of the houses of parliament, when he intended to blow them up, is now in existence. This lantern is in the Ashmolean museum at Cambridge. Guy Fawkes was carrying this lantern when he was arrested. The history of the lantern has now been fully established and it must take its place among the most celebrated exhibits in the museums of the world.—London Mail.

A SINGING WELL.

One of Nature's Puzzles That Is Located In Texas.

About three miles west of Cedar Bayou, Harris county, Tex., is a remarkable well. When it was dug, no one can tell, but it has been in existence for more than 60 years. The well is known as the "singing well."

In calm, fine weather a sound like that of an Æolian harp comes upward between the tangles of vines below. At times the sound seems nearer and clearer. Then again it recedes, as if far away, and reaches the ear very faintly. These changes take place every few minutes, and with great regularity.

With an east wind blowing the water in the well gets very low and the mysterious musical sound very faint. A strong west wind causes the water to rise and the sound to increase in volume and clearness.

But it is just before a great norther that the old well plays its wildest pranks. Then for several hours the water rises to within a few feet of the top of the well and emits the weirdest, wildest noises that ever reached human ears. At such times even the water drawn out with buckets moans and wails as if in anguish.

The well is about 60 feet deep. A few years ago the land on which it is located was bought by a Mr. Watkins, who, not liking the sounds that came from the well, employed two men to fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the well two weeks, but it did not affect the depth of water perceptibly, and they threw up the contract. From the measurements of the excavations they had made it has been calculated that the well should have been filled up a little more than twice.

The water is very clear, with a bluish tint, and is fairly palatable. No other wells in the neighborhood show such pranks as are played by the "singing well."—Fort Worth (Tex.) Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

AMERICAN HUMOR.

An English Comedian Compares It With the British Article.

George Grossmith, comparing American humor with English, says: "A New York gentleman was once chaffing me about my pronunciation of certain words, and I was very much amused at it. So I said to him: 'It's our language, you know. We invented it before you were discovered.' He was a bit abashed at first. Then he said: 'That's so. Well, I think it's about time you learned to speak it.'

"It is very difficult to score off an American, and you can't play a practical joke on one at all. I've often gone, when I've had a friend with me, into some old city bank, like the Bank of England, for example—staid old place, you know. We've marched up to the counter, and I've said quite calmly to the old gentleman behind it, 'Can't I have a brandy and soda and some sandwiches?' They've always been most polite and taken it seriously, saying, 'We don't keep brandy and soda and sandwiches here.' 'But you have them ordered in from outside.' 'Yes, but that of course is for ourselves,' and so on, all quite gravely and without the suspicion of a smile or the slightest quiver of the muscles of the countenance to indicate a sense that a practical joke was fooling around."

"And in America you would have fared differently?"

"Rather. I went once to the statehouse in Hartford. There was a man standing at the entrance, an official with a band around his hat, so I stepped up to him and said, 'Can you tell me if this hotel is conducted on the European plan?' He simply looked at me, and calmly said, 'Any more?' Then there was a moment's awkward pause, and I had to walk out."

Death and Birth Time.

There are a great number of curious superstitions as to the time of day when a dying person is most likely to draw his last breath, and the tide, moon and the wind have all been supposed to have some share in the matter. According to The British Medical Journal, Raseri, who has analyzed 25,474 cases of death and 36,515 of birth, where the exact time of day was noted, finds that the maximum number of deaths occur in the early afternoon (2:07 p. m.), and the minimum in the last hours before midnight, while the maximum number of births occur in the early hours of the morning, and the minimum in the early hours of the afternoon.

As regards the cause of this he points out the hours of the maximum number of deaths are precisely those when the pulse rate and the temperature are at their highest in health, and when there is a febrile exacerbation in illness.

A Very Queer Dresser.

A very queer man in the matter of dress was the late Duke of Portland. His eccentric grace always, it appears, ordered three frock coats to every suit. When the weather was hot, he wore one only, when it was a little less hot two, and when it was cool all three. Besides these, he always kept three greatcoats in wear, so that when winter came on he wore three frock coats and one greatcoat, as it advanced three frock coats and two greatcoats, while, when there was a real frost, he turned out in all the six.—London Correspondence.

Had Other Chances.

"I wouldn't have refused that young man if I'd been you," said a maiden aunt to her young and frisky niece.

"I don't think I would either if I'd been you," retorted the saucy maiden. —Harper's Bazar.

A Sure Cure.

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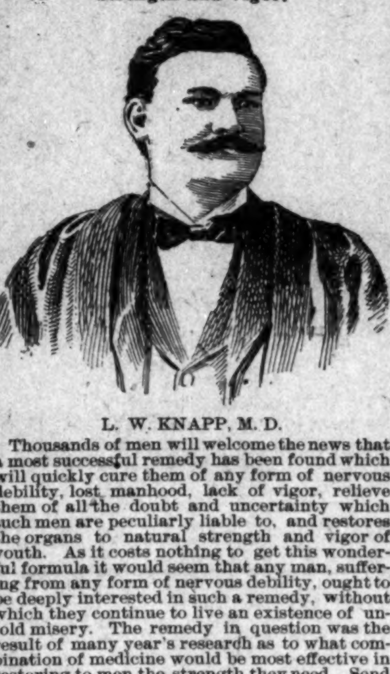

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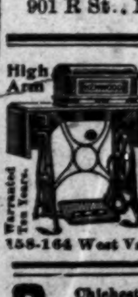

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Daniel H. Reading now in the employ of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., boasts of being the only colored brake instructor in this country.

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Dallas, Texas, has a Negro population of 10,000, a dozen Negro grocery stores and half hundred colored men engaged in other different business pursuits.

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In Waller County Texas, has elected Allen F. Freeman as cotton weigher; Peter Gualt, county commissioner; justice of the peace for precinct, No., 1 Doc Tompkins. The gentlemen are all race men ot note.

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Prof. Booker T. Washington has been advised by the Hon. Wm. T. Harris, National Commissioner of Education, of his election as a member of the Advisory Board to look after the interest of the exhibit of education to be made by the United States at the Paris Exposition of 1900.

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Mr J. M. Horton is reputed to be the whealthiest Negro in Shelby County, Tenn. His wealth is estimated far up in the thousands. He is the owner of 7000 acres of land, all of which he has acquired in 15 years.

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A new Negro poet of considerable talent has been dfscovered. His name is James D. Caruthers, and just at present he is pastor of the African Methodist Zion church in Bath Steuben county, N. Y. Unlike Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Mr. Caruthers writes humorous verses. His muse is a jolly one. He writes in the Negro dialect, handling that difficult medium or metrical expression with a most happy facility.

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Many compliments were showerd on the pupils of the Broadway street colored high school of Madison, Ind., who furnished excellent music at several of the meetings of the various State Teachers Associations in this state. The club is composed of thirty members and it is pronounced that they know how to sing, and singwell. Their director is the principal of the school, Prof. A. W. Bailey. Prof. Cotton, deputy state superinendtent, gave them the opportunityto appear in Indianapolis

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About 3000 of the leading colored men of Washington, D. C., met recently organized a National Racial Protective Asssociation. They propose to have auxiliarees throughout the United States through which they propose to enter solemn protest against such violence as has been perpetrated in North and South Carolina, and to solicit the co-operation and support of the ministers and churches of the United States to aid them in protecting the rights and privileges of the Negroes, and securing the proper enforcement of the laws.

News Items.

Nashville Tenn., Special.

Walter Ellis a graduate of Meigs High school, and a member of the 24th United States Infantry, is visiting friends in the city. Miss Sarah Sanderson has left for Columbia. Mrs. Hugh of 709 Fairmount street is very ill. The Stone Masons Union met last Monday at St. James Chapel for the purpose of organizing an industrial school Rev. W. F. Frierson, pastor, Captain Baines is the chairman, and has worked very earnestly for the upbuilding of The Freeman. The Christian Endeavor Society met last Sunday at St. John's A. M. E. church at 6:30 o'clock, exercises were very interesting remarks by the pastor. Rev. E. Tyree, subject, "Duty of the Members," and also a paper by Prof. J. M. Coffey, subject, "Sin." Several solos, duetts and choruses.

Xmas Socials.

Irvington, Ind., Special.

The ladies of the Blue Bell Club entertained their lady and gentlemen friends at their Chrtstmas party Monday evening Dec., 26th, 98 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave, Irvington avenue. It may truly be said to have been the most elaborate social affair of the season. The Sunday school gave their annual concert and Xmas tree Tuesday evening, the audience was large and well behaved.

HE WANTED THE SHIP

THOUGHT HE WAS ELIGIBLE TO COMMAND A CRUISER.

The Shabby Trick Played Upon a Patriotic Greek Boiler Maker by Some of Uncle Sam's Sailors With Whom He Had Shipped.

"About four years ago the cruiser on which I was serving shipped a boiler maker while we were on the Mediterranean station," said a Washington chief petty officer of the navy, now on leave of absence. "Our former boiler maker's time expired while we were at Gibraltar, and as he was not in good physical shape he wasn't re-enlisted, but took his discharge and returned to the United States by mail steamer. So the ship was shy a boiler maker, a very important and necessary petty officer down below in the engineer's department, and when the ship pulled into Naples harbor the chief engineer went ashore to see if he couldn't dig up a boiler maker.

"There's a clause in the enlistment regulations permitting commanding officers to ship necessary men on foreign stations in short handed emergencies. The chief engineer brought back to the ship a Greek named Charlie Maro. The man couldn't speak any English—to speak of—but he was a good man at the boiler making business, and he was duly shipped aboard of us for three years. He was a wild, hairy looking lot, Maro was, and he got a good deal of a laugh at the hands of the crew, especially the younger fellows, from the time he first came over the side.

"Maro thought that there wasn't any other country on the map except Greece. He thought that the 'Greeka man' was the hottest kind of a tamale when it came to scrapping by land or sea, and after he got hold of enough English to make himself understood he used to take some of the young apprentice boys up into the eyes of the ship and tell them with many gesticulations and furious words of the different kinds of tar Greece would knock out of Turkey if the two countries ever came to an open rupture.

"The ship was around on the Pacific station when the war broke out betweeh Greece and Turkey. When the news of the outbreak of the war got to Maro, our boiler maker, he nearly had heart disease and a whole lot of other sudden things from pure excitement. He just couldn't hold himself in, he looked so tickled.

"'Da Greeka man willa bim! bim! bim! da Turka man,' was Charlie Maro's way of putting it, and he didn't see that the Turk had a ghost of a show. All hands forward encouraged him in the belief. They all acquiesced in expressing the belief to Maro that Greece would simply eat Turkey up. Then a bo'sun's mate who knew how to crack the most impossible kind of steers with a face as solemn and wooden as an Indian's took Charlie in hand and told him some things. He told Maro that the United States was so much in sympathy with Greece in the struggle with Turkey that the navy department had decided to turn over all of the ships of the American navy to Greek commanders.

"'Here's a big chance for you, Maro,' the bo'sun's mate told Maro. 'You just want to work your edge. Here you are already shipped on this cruiser, and it's dollars to doughnuts that if you ask for the command of this ship in order to take her over to Greece to mix it up with the Turks you'll get it hands down. Better try it on.'

"That idea impressed Maro a heap. He asked the bo'sun's mate whom he'd have to apply to to get command of the cruiser.

"'Why, to the commanding officer, of course,' was the reply.

"Maro was tremendously important for a day or so while he let this huge idea grow within him, and he bullied the men detailed to work with him down below in the boiler room a good deal. The bos'n's mate kept working him up to it, and finally Maro appeared on deck one morning togged out in his very best mustering suit of bluejacket clothes and went up to the officer of the deck and asked permission to see the commanding officer at the mast. The officer of the deck was rather surprised to see the man all done up in his mustering togs when all hands were at work, but, as he is obliged to do when an enlisted man requests permission to see the commanding officer, he sent word to the skipper, who soon emerged from his cabin and appeared at 'the stick.'

"'Well, my man?' said the skipper to Maro, who stood bolt upright and saluted with a flourish.

"'Sare,' said Maro to the skipper, 'I have-a da honor to her-a-by taka da command of-a da ship.'

"'Hey?' said the commanding officer, putting his hand to his ear and looking as if he hadn't heard aright.

"'Da ship,' repeated Maro. 'For-a da navee of-a Hellas—da Greeka navee —I hava da honor to taka da command.'

"All hands among the enlisted men were up on the to'gallant fo'c'sle taking the thing in, and they broke into a roar that you could have heard five cable lengths' distance. Maro heard it, and, suspecting that his confidence had been abused, got red and flabbergasted. He suddenly bolted for the engine room hatch and made his way below, and it took three marines to drag him aft to the sick bay, where the surgeon, at the skipper's command, gave Maro a half hour's examination as to his sanity. Maro was game enough to decline to give the name of the enlisted man who had told him he was eligible for the command of the ship upon its being 'turned into the navy of Greece,' but the thrashing he gave that bos'n's mate when he got him 'on the beach' was certainly savage."—Washington Star.

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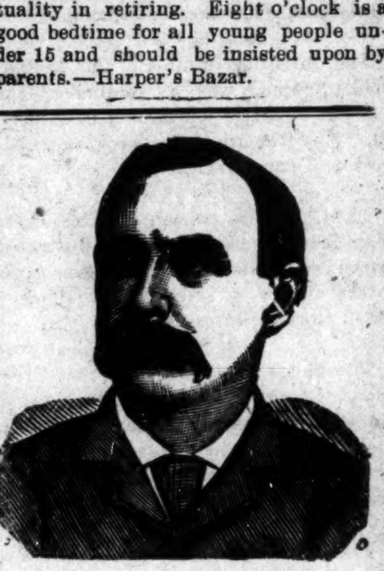
Children's Sleep.

Growing children cannot too carefully be enjoined to get plenty of sleep. The boy or girl who has lessons to learn must waken early after a good night's rest, and this is insured only by punctuality in retiring. Eight o'clock is a good bedtime for all young people under 15 and should be insisted upon by parents.—Harper's Bazar.



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Albert Ayres,

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SATURDAY, JANUARY, 7, 1899.

IN SWEET REASONABLENESS.

John J. McDonald, president and manager of the McDonald Cotton Co., of Aberdeen, Mississippi, and other places, who judging by his business connections is a gentleman of influence, sends The Freeman a letter in which he gives his views as to the race question. He starts out by saying: "I am a friend to the Negro race in the same sense, the same reason that I am a friend to any people who need encouragement, guidance and general uplifting from a condition brought on by environment. Hence I regret very much to read in your columns, articles written by supposed friends of your race; touching the race troubles in North and South Carolina couched in language that strikes me as being very unwise." So far no issue can be taken with the writer if his objection ceases with the cessation of the abusive language. There is no quarrel with the plea for respectable and courteous language no matter how violently opposite the views may be. "I know there are Negro haters amongst the white race and also white haters amongst the Negro race. But as passion and prejudice has never served any good purpose in the world, we must appeal to the sensible element of both races for whatever benefits are to be derived from teaching the true doctrine of ethics." The foregoing is a very fair statement of the condition and the remedy is sensible and in fact it is the common ditch, where the prejudices on either side must be buried from whither must proceed the new birth, the recreation, the brotherhood of man, or else Cimmerian darkness that worketh peace to no man will abide with us. Eight millions of people are no small part of the people, and wars, of extinction or decimation would sup full with horror before that task would be completed. The olive branch of peace should now be held out on either side. Let these hateful hates be erected in one vast funeral pile to be licked up by the angry flames of justice and right. The writer speaks of the origin of the races, showing one to be of strength and the other of weakness. Admitting this truth it does not prove that the Negro is inherently weak or incapacitated for higher citizenship. The times demonstrate far to the contrary. But the Negro, perhaps forgetful or peradventure from ignorance has no conception of the wrack and ruin slavery leaves in its wake. Its a long stride from slavery to affluence and oppulence. The Negroes perhaps have not calculated the immensity and are trying to attain the utmost at a single bound. Newish things are always opposed. Mushroon growth is not loved. Summing it up carefully this grasping for the front ranks is the head and front of the Negroes offending. We trust that the writer does not hold that because the parent stock of the Negro is not noted for strength, etc., in spite of the American Negroes susceptibilities that there must forever be drawn around them lines of limitation—confined, cribbed. It is hoped that he sees the possibilities of a gradual emancipation from the present status of affairs. Admitting that the growth has been somewhat forced yet the tangled skein, must not always be entangled. No argument should be countenanced that has for its object the establishment of caste classes in America. The idea is unAmerican. But it may be held that the Negroes should evolve slowly out of the present condition and not by fits and starts. The foregoing remarks are pertinent to the following:

"I know the Negro is weak. hence I am one amongst millions in this country who are willing to aid them with sound council with the view of benefitting them."

Because of this knowledge, does classification follow?

"A gentleman, whether white or black will treat all people in a gentlemanly manner. They will divide the public sidewalk with any one, even a tramp. They will not seek to offend. They will abstain from any word or action calculated to offend."

A religion, a faith could well be built on the foregoing precepts. If the South as a whole teaches and lives up to them the trouble should soon be a thing of the past. But is that Southern experience? Do they share and share alike in public places?

"Let the teaching of your journal be against rapes and not lynchings and you will have better results."

The Freeman is unalterably opposed to raping, feeling that it is the acme of crime. It holds that the fiend that forcibly dethrones the virtue of womankind ought to be a sure and swift candidate for hell but all by the due process of law, and not by red-handed villians who arrogate to themselves the custodianship of public morals.

"It is the younger generation that stands in need of strong teaching. Let them lay aside their false ideas of importance and supremacy and study to be men worthy of the name."

This may not strike the average Negro as sound, but the writer is on the right track.

"Abstain from politics and make for morals and intelligence and build up the manhood of your race and the questions growing out of politics will take care of themselves in due course of time without let or hindrance."

Mr. McDonald, of Aberdeen, Miss., a white man, a business man of much success is from all indications a friend of the Negro. He feels that both races must concede something. The columns of The Freeman are open to the McDonalds be they white or black.

The Colorado Statesmen speaks very commendingly of the holiday issue of The Freeman. "It gave cuts and sketches of the prominent Negro actors of the day and stands out as the best thing we have ever attempted in that line."

The Independent a well known publication edited by a well known white gentlemen Mr. Hathaway, feels that The Freeman in its holiday attire was a credit to Indiana journalism. The Freeman feels proud that the props and stays are being knocked away from race endeavors and that they are to compete flat footed, toeing the same line with similar endeavors any place by any individuals.

The Columbia club, of Indianapolis composed of the most distinguished Indiana Republicans has been written up in that well known periodical, Frank Leslie's Weekly. It says:

"Through the extended influence of the many strong men who are among its members it is a potent factor in all public questions of Indiana and often in the politics of the country. There is probably no club in this country which is more widely known on account of events which have taken place within its walls affecting large national political interests. Outside of Indianapolis its members are chosen by invitation from every county, important town and community in the state. Men who are so honored must be Republicans and representative in some distinguished manner of the community in which they reside. As a business men's club it represents eminently a large portion of the leading men of affairs in Indiana. It is the foremost social club of Indianapolis and the state."

Senator Fairbanks is a useful and influential member of the organization. The club is now erecting what is to be one of the most imposing structures devoted to club purposes in the country.

There may be others of the race who are determined to be on the outs with the president. The Freeman intends to support him as the president of all the people. Nor does it mean to heap abuses on his head because he happens to be president. Mr. McKinley is philanthropic enough to wish to see a greater unity of the races in America, but he is no greater than his creator, the people. What the masses stands for the president stands for. He is as well informed of the situation as those who are trying to jeer him into actions that means strife and discord of greater intensity than discernable at present. It is the people and not the president to whom the appeals must be made. When the situation is ripe the president will know it quite well enough. Abraham Lincoln knew that the situation was ripe. The Negroes have never been accused of anarchy either in thought or action, but if they follow in the paths being mapped out by some of the would-be leaders, some day there will be a rude awakening.

SANTIAGO DE WILMINGTON.

On Santiago's bloody field,
Where Spanish hosts were made to yield,
The Negro like a phalanx great
Fought hard to save the "ship of state;"
And Wilmington, with her disgrace,
Stares Santiago in the face,
And shows her heartless feelings clear,
For those who fought without a fear.

At Santiago Negroes died,
At Santiago Negroes cried—
"Upon this field we intend to be
Till the Maine's avenged and Cuba's free."
At Wilmington the white man cried—
"These Negroes here like dogs must die,"
Because they strive to be like men
And their own rights as such defend.

But Santiago's battlefield
Brought man to man and shield to shield,
While Wilmington six hundred strong,
Around one helpless man did throng;
The nation heard the Cubans' cry
The nation hears the Negroes sigh,
It hastened Cuba's right to sail,
But leaves the Negro in his wail.

The Negro must lay down his fun
And place within his home a gun,
Then by the laws of State abide,
But when the brutes come to deride
Kill one or two in self-defense,
This to the mob'll be recompense.
And next time they start out to kill
The leader's place'll be hard to fill.

There must be some blood shed by us
When Southern brutes begin to fuss,
Some Brown and Turner have got to die
To picture to the demon's eye
The fact that we are in this land
To stay till God gives us command
To move away, and until then
We must be recognized as men.

The red man showed that he would fight,
This country gave him certain rights,
They never lynch an Indian chief—
They know his friends come to relief;
The foreigner from 'cros sthe sea
Has all the rights of liberty,
Because if human takes his scalp
His countrymen will raise a scrap.

The rattlesnake the white man dreads,
And on his body will not tread,
Because he knows the rattlesnake
If touched will to'rd the toucher make;
The harmless ant upon the ground
Men trample on without a frown;
If we'll resist we'll gain respect,
If we unite 'twill take effect.

F. B. COFFIN.

Little Rock, Ark.

LABOR AND WAIT.

BY J. C. M'ADAMS.

Negroes, you who have ambition,
  Who with hope anticipate
Better days for our condition,
  Learn to labor, learn to wait.

In one day Rome was not builded
  To her proud and lofty state;
Ere her brow with gold was gilded
  She did labor and did wait.

So of each great man and nation
  That has reached a high estate,
As they plied their occupation
  They did labor and did wait.

Labor is the world's true master,
  It decides for us our fate;
It is king o'er each disaster,
  If we labor and then wait.

Oft we have our patience tested—
  Wish for a more rapid rate;
Though we lose all we've invested,
  We must labor on and wait.

Though the mob brings consternation,
  And our hopes do dissipate,
Trust in God for our salvation,
  Work with Him, with patience wait.

Negro valor was recorded
  In the late war, "up to date;"
It will not go unrewarded,
  If we labor on and wait.

Though the present doth us bother,
  Though it seems like cruel fate,
Since we know God is our father,
  Let us labor on and wait.

By and by the clouds will brighten,
  By and by the storm abate;
God will every wrong thing righten,
  Let us labor then, and wait.

Again the far famed Freeman offers to its friends the $1.00 rate. In doing so it does not in any way insinuate that those long wishing to subscribe (but have not for some reason) are not able to pay the regular rate, but it has become one of our principles to make to the race an annual offering. Now is the time to subscribe. Renewals are also in order. Do not procrastinate. The Freeman, $1.00 beginning Jan. 1st. and closing Jan. 31st.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

We congratulates the Indianapolis, Freeman upon the excellence of its Christmas edition.—Richmond, Va., Planet.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas edition is a marvel of newspaper enterprise and reflects great credit upon its business management.—Chicago Conservator.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's mammoth Christmas number is the most creditable effort made in Negro journalism and in Negro newspaper management—Paul Quinn Weekly.

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The Indianapolis Freeman in the catalogue of colored journalism deserves the praise of the entire race for its very beautiful and most excellent issue for Christmas.—The Boston Courant.

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The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman was a "stunner." It is a credit to Negro journalism in America. May it continue to prosper.—Galveston (Texas) Gazette.

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The Christmas edition of The Freeman which consisted of 20 illustrated pages was the best we have ever seen in the history of Negro journalism.—The Colorado Statesman.

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The Christmas number of "The Freeman" was the finest and best issue that came to our office. It has without a doubt reached the highest point of Negro journalism yet known to our race.—Iowa State By Stander.

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The Indianapolis Freeman has been deservedly praised so much that we feel that our little mite is unnecessary. We will say however, that the recent Christmas edition heads the list and surpasses all former efforts made by that enterprising journal.—The Western Enterprise.

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The Freeman a colored paper published by the Hon. Geo. L. Knox, of this city, was a thing of beauty Dec., 24th. The Freeman is twelve years old to-day and circulates in nearly every state and territory in the Union.—Indianapolis Marion County Gazette.

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The Indianapolis Freeman, the leading colored paper of the United States, contained twenty pages of reading matter and illustrations last week. The Freeman is published by Mr. George L. Knox, one of the best known and most highly esteemed colored citizens of Indiana, and the last number certainly reflects credit on Indiana journalism.—The Indianapolis Independent.

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The Freeman, which is published in this city, but which has a wide circulation throughout the United States, issued a large Christmas number of which the publishers might justly feel proud. It contains a large number of halftone engravings of men and women of the colored race who are prominent in theatrical, political, literary circles etc. The mechanical work is excellent.—Indianapolis, Indiana Woman.

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A young man in our office, after looking over the special edition of that popular paper, the Indianapolis Freeman, and beholding the various cuts, remarked, who could feel ashamed of the Negro race and the progress it is making. The Christmas number of The Freeman is far the best we have ever seen. It marks a new epoch in Negro journalism.—Victoria (Texas) Guide.

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The best Christmas edition of a newspaper, owned and controlled by colored men, that has ever come under our notice, and we have seen them all, was that issued by The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., last Saturday. It was a corker, up-to-date in every department and replete with choice cuts, interesting matter and race news. Go on up to head, Brother Knox, and stay there.—The Pittsburg Press.

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We congratulate The Freeman on its splendid Christmas number. It has out done all previous efforts and shines as a star among its contemporaries. The illustrations show exellent press work, the typographical make-up is first class, as are also literary features.

The editor of The Freeman is one of our thoughtful men, as these words prove.

"Everybody is thinking and talking on the race question, It is now the Negroes opportunity. Let the white men urge the whites to a sense of their duty and let the Negro press urge the blacks to come up to the ideal and thus reach a common ground."—Charleston Inquirer.

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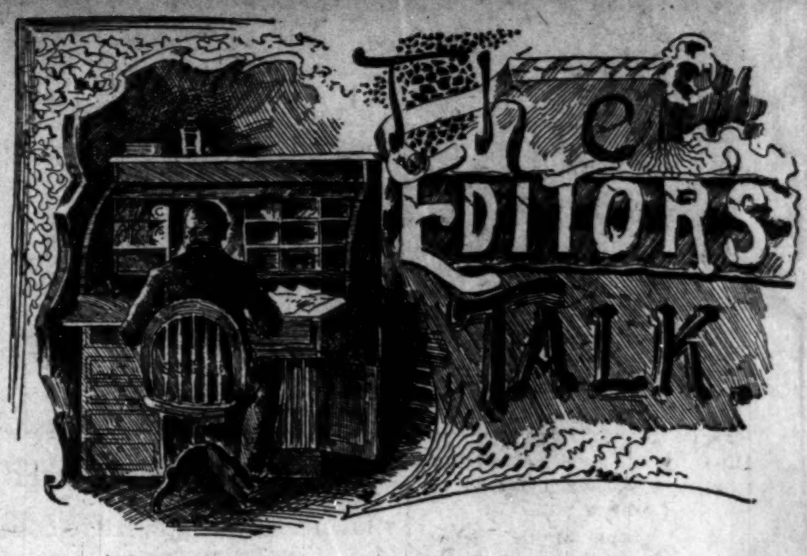
The Christmas number of The Freeman, the greatest and most widely read Negro illustrated paper in the world, contains many special features and demonstrates the possibilities of Negro journalism.

It is indeed a pleasure to note the progress of our people along all lines of art and industry, and it is an additional gratification to know that the race has such able protectors as The Freeman, in whose columns is to be found the voice of our people, expressed by intelligent and experienced men whose race love, patriotism and business qualifications command the appreciation and respect of black and white alike. Long live The Freeman.—Illinois Record.


The Editors Talk.

The Freeman's Success.

Do you know what makes The Freeman the best Negro Weekly in the United States? We will tell you so you can tell your neighbor.

1st. Superior workingmen; all Negroes.
2nd. Money with which to pay them.
3rd. Brainy correspondents.
4th. The kind of composition and form.
5th. Our extensive circulation.
6th. Our methods to please our subscribers.
7th. Our facility of getting news.
8th. Fair dealings with advertisers.
9th. Our central location.
10th. Our political principles.

The Freeman's success is based upon the above ten propositions.

Agents do you know who J. H. Tucker is? You don't eh? Well you will have a chance to find out. He was a gallant San Juan hill hero—being at present stationad at Ft. Douglass, Utah. You know something about the famous Negro 24th and 25th infantries and the 9th and 10th cavelries. Well, Mr. Tucker will give the Negroes' side of the historical events in The Freeman, the story is true to life and will run through many issues. You will see the portraits of the good, the noble and great of American valor. Now agents tell the people all about this, as the first chapter will appear in The Freeman of Jan. 14. Tell them The Freeman is making great strides these days—and in this age of close competition when the aspiring and ambitious one at the mercy of the critic's eye, and scrutinizing inspection, it is absolutely necessary that we must go out of the ordinary to satisfy the just as well as the over curious, and hard to please patrons. The Freeman is patronized and supported because of its pleasing innovations in journalism, as well as for its many other redeeming traits.

The Christmas number of The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., surpasses anything heretofore attempted in Negro journalism. In fact there are few papers conducted by the white race that can surpass this number of The Freeman. It is profusely illustrated with cuts of all the leading stars in the theatrical profession of our race. It also contains many able articles from the pens of the most eminent scholars and educators of the race, such as M. A. Majors, M. D., Prof. W. H. Scarborough, A. M., Judge D. A. Straker, W. T. Menard, J. A. Jones and Mrs. Mary Church-Terrel, who is the president of tho National Association of colored Women. Every Negro who loves his race should secure the Christmas number of The Freeman.—The Broad Ax.

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Gillam, Bessie
Grey, Miss Alice
Selika, Mme.
Shepard Jennie

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Austin, Henry
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Banta, R. A.
Brown, G. W.
Collins, Gordon C.
Crosby, James
Devine, Ralph
Dobbins, Joe
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Gray, George
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Simmons, G. G.
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Young, Walter W.

BIG SENSATION—Cleveland, O., Jan. 2-7.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Grand Forks, Min. Jan. 9; Crookstown, 10; Fargo, N. D., 11; Jamestown, 12; Billings, Mont. 13; Livingston, 14.

CREOLE BELLES, (Robertson & Cox, man'g'rs)—Marietta, Wis., Jan. 6-7; Menomenee, 8-9; Appleton, 10.

DARKEST AMERICA,—Akron, Ohio, Jan. 7; Wadsworth, 9; Ashland, 10; Shelby, 11; Toledo, 12-14.

MAHARAS' MAMMOTH MINSTREL—Oakland, Cal. Jan. 9-16.

ISHAMS OCTOROONS—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 8-14.

RICHARDS, PRINGLE, RUSCO & HOLLAND'S—Greenville, Miss., Jan. 9-10; Jackson, 11; Birmingham, Ala., 13; Greensboro, 14.

STETSON'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN (Western)—Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 9-10.

WASHBURN'S DOUBLE MINSTRELS—Fall River, Mass., Jan., 7.

THE BUFFALOES HOME.

(A TRANSPOSITION)

Written for The Freeman and dedicated to the B. O. C. P.

"Our home is the prarie—out in the desert air"
What precious words of meaning to Buffaloes these words are.
Come let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought
"Do unto others right and just," is the first instruction taught.

"Our home is the prarie"—the roof is Heaven's dome
The sky affords a shelter for the Buffaloes native home
The compass marks the four walls—at every point a door
Wild flowers and cactus the ornaments, upon dame nature's floor.

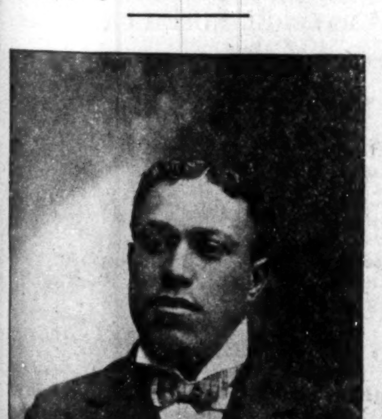
We leave our prarie home—the world must have its due
We mingle with the multitude, a cold unfriendly crew.
The memory of our "pow wows" are kept continually green.
We long to tread our prarie home to renew the happy scene.

Come all you festive Buffaloes, from the B. O. C. P. chain
Though we part from "Friends" below in Heaven will meet again.
What precious words of meaning to Buffaloes these words are
"Our home is the praries, out in the desert air."

—TOM LOGAN

114 West 31 street, New York City.

ROOMS—Persons in or out of the profession can secure comfortable rooms by applying at The Freeman office.



HARRY FIDLER.

Harry Fidler, who is known as the great colored mimic, who this season has been impersonating some of the leading officers of the late war—Dewey, Sampson, Schley and others, this being a roaring success, he being the only colored performer that has ever impersonated white characters with success. Mr. Fidler is now writing a new act, in which he hopes to appear next season, assisted by his wife. He will appear in black-face altogether. The subject of their sketch is "An Afternoon in the White Folk's Parlor." Fidler says: "We cry—you laugh." In 1891 Fidler was captured on the Rocky Mountains by the Mahara Minstrels party, where he was living on grasshoppers, ants, bugs and other insects, he remained with this company until the season of '95. Season of '95-96 with Al G. Field Colored Minstrels; '96-97 Jno. W. Isham's "Oriental America" and "Octoroons." '97-98 Al G. Field and Oliver Scott's Minstrels; '98-99 one of the Big Four comedians and stage manager of Rusco & Hollands Georgia Minstrels. He sends regards to all friends.

C. J. Scotte would like to hear from Pearl Brewer.

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J. W. Simmons sends regards to Allie Brown and Wm. Malone.

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Arna Stevenson, comedian, has closed with the Oliver Scott Refined Negro Minstrels, and returned to his home at Indianapolis.

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Big Squirrel sends regards to Billy and Tom May and Sol P White.

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S. C. Epps sends regards to Gus Collins, Brownie Collins and J. A. Watkins.

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John Rucker sends regards to Winn & Edmonds, and members of the B.O.C.P.

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Lloyd Cooper sends regards to John Easton of Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels.

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Billy Miller, comedian, with Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels has been on the sick list.

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Julius Glenn sends regards to Gordon C. Collins, Wm. Garland, Dan Avery, Sam Burns and friends.

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Kid Frazier and wife, in St. Paul, at Palmer House. Coal gas in room—awoke just in time. Both have recovered.

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P. G. Lowery sends special regards to Gordon C. Collins, Geo. Bailey, Prof. Smith and all friends in and out of the profession.

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James Osborne, trombonist, is now playing saxophone with Henderson Smith's $5.000 challenge band at each evenings concert.

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P. G. Lowery, the great cornetist, writes that the Xmas number of The Freeman was the finest ever published, white or black. Bar none.

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Mrs. Pauline Cottrill sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. McClain also to Joe and Sadie Britton. Would like to hear from them. Write care The Freeman.

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In our Christmas issue a mistake was made in saying that Mr. Lawrence E. Chenault had only been in the business one season, as this is Mr. Chenault's fifth successful season.

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The Woods' are doing some very clever work with the Georgia Up-to-Date. They are gaining great favoritism with their new act, introducing trombone solos, songs, dances and cake walking.

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Tom Logan sends regards to Joe Ravisee, Pete Woods, J. Ed Green, James Crosby, Wm. Cottrill. Lawrence Chenault, Lash Gideon, Gordon Collins, Gus Hall, Tom Brown, Will Foster, "Uncle Rube" and Mattie Phillips.

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John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and Extravaganza company continues to show to large audiences and is well received everywhere it has been seen. Chas. B. Tyler, the monologuist, is hitting 'em hard at each performance.

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Robertson & Cox's Creole Belle Specialty Co., have organized for season '99-1900, with the following members: The Bradford Trio—Harry, Minnie and Annie, Doc Truss, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, J. T. Cox and Harry Robertson.

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Giles & Brown's Colored Comedy Co., headed by the Extravaganza Quartette, Messrs. Giles, Brown, Edwards and Thomas, also Little Tillie, the 4-year old Picinniny song-and-dance artist, are doing a good business in Nebraska.

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Harry L. Gillam sends regards to Dick Thomas, Gordon C. Collins and friends. Mr. Gillam has arranged a big six song-and-dance for Julius Gleun's new act with Georgia Up-to-Date. As a producer Mr. Gillam is a bright shining light in the profession.

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Miss Bessie Gillam is hitting them hard nightly, singing coon songs in her artistic and catchy way as only Bessie can, with the Georgia Up-to-Date. When Bessie appears with her brother Harry in their new act she proves to the audience that she is not only a soubrette with natural magnetism but an actor as well. Little Bessie as some call her is loved by all.

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Jack M. Oliver has closed with the Georgia Up-to-Date. Julius Glenn succeeds him as stage manager, with credit. Since Mr. Glenn has taken charge of the stage it is altogether a diffetent show. He gave the show an overhauling and put on a new act which he just completed, entitled, "Dark Shots in Gay Paree." It is a hit from start to finish, a laugh in every line. Much credit is due Mr. Glenn for this bright and catchy act with original ideas of his own.

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Sloan Edwards, basso and song writer, now with Giles & Brown's Colored Comedy Co., will soon have out some of his best compositions, such as "Mama's Little Black Twin Coons" "Malinda Jones," "Kiss My Dear Old Mother Jack for Me," "Coons on Dress Parade," "The Sadest News of All," "She Was Tempted and Fell," "I Lost Her After All," "Good Bye, Dear Old Home, Good Bye," and "Just One Smile from Your Sweet Face." Professional copies to any of the above songs will be sent free, address: Sloan Edwards, 208 E. First st., Mitchell, South Dakota.

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Mr. John Milton, our special representative with Harry Martell's "South Before the War" sends the following: "This leaves all well and happy. Clark & Miner are still raking them down in their new act "The Rube and the Fiddler." Miss Flora Batson and Gerard Miller are still prime favorites in their operatic selections. Misses Sadie Price and Ida Day never fails to get their share of applause. Ben Torban joined us on the 21st. ult. to do solo work, The Ladies Imperial Quartette keeps the boys hustling. Regards to Jube Brown and Jube Johnson.

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Mr. Louis Schooler writes the following from Chicago. "I wish to place a small comment in your Clipper department. Chicago was visited the week of Dec. 4th by one of the best and strongest companies of colored shows seen here of recent years, viz. Cole and Johnson's "A Trip to Coon Town." The S. R. O. sign was out every evening while on the South side. Bob Cole is no doubt the top notch comedian in his line of work barring no color. He completely carried the masses, with his singing specialty; "All I Want is my Chicken." Mr. Johnson is quite an able man to the company and we are glad to see them place implicit confidence in their own color by having everything managed by them strictly and on their return to Chicago they will be welcomed with open arms as first class entertainers and ladies and gentlemen.

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Mr. Chas. R. Parker writes the following from St. Louis, Mo.: "Being a subscriber of your paper, I feel it my duty to express my opinion of your paper in behalf of the St. Louis Military Band. I take great pleasure in complimenting your Xmas issue. We have the only Colored Union of musicians in the United States, and send a delegate to the National Convention of Musicians of the United States. At a later date I will send you a cut of our military band. We have a great many colored professionals here, I myself was with Primrose & West for two seasons, also was the Georgia Minstrels. The St. Louis Colored Military Band sends regards to James Lacy, John Eason, Geo. Bailey, Frank Hailstock, Fred Simpson and all members of the Oliver Scott, Richards & Pringles' Georgias and the "Darkest America" companies, also to J. D. West and John Adams, of the Georgia Up-to-Date company.

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There was quite a surprise to the members of the Georgia Up-to-Date, when J. Lewis, of Topeka, Kan., and Miss Nettie Titus, of Keokuk, Ia., were secretly married at Webster, S. D., Dec. 19, '98. The marriage ceremony was performed by J. C. Cowan, D. D. After the ceremony Mr. Lewis brought before the members of the company his charming little bride, and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to introduce to you Mrs. Nettie Lewis, my wife." It was such a surprise to the company—they were not prepared to show their appreciation of their happy unity by presenting gifts, but never-the-less it did not dishearten Mr. Lewis, as he extended an invitation to the entire company to enjoy a prepared banquet, which was arranged by Miss Nettie and Tommy when they were two and relished by the company when they were one. Each member while seated at the table gave toasts to the future happiness of the new bride and groom. Mrs. Lewis is a charming little soubrette, and Mr. Lewis is an ambitious cornetist, who has been with the Georgia Up-to-Date for three years. They will finish the season with the above named show afterwhich they will go to the home of Mr. Lewis in Topeka, Kan., where they will spend their vacation. Mr. Lewis will teach his wife the cornet. Good things are expected from this ambitious couple.

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Mr. W. A. Seymour, our special representative with the Richards, Pringles' Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival writes: "The Georgias reign supreme in the South. No show in the history of the theatre has drawn together the massive audiences as does this show. In many towns excursions are run in behalf of the anxious people along the line who come in enormous crowds to see this able company. Every member of the company is in good health, and all seemed to enjoy Xmas. Some beautiful presents were received by some of the members of the company: Dick Thomas received a $5 silk umbrella; Jas. Crosby, an umbrella; Miss Lizzie Hardin, a pair of diamond ear-rings, valued at $75 and a silk skirt, valued at $25; Dan Avery, diamond stud and a suit of clothes. The members of the company presented Al Stokes $25 as a gift for his earnest services as mail man. There were numbers of other presents too numerous to mention. A. J. Smith the wonderful boy basso, is now singing with great success "Let All Obey." Miss Lizzie Hardin is singing "He Cert'ny Was Good to Me;" she never fails to catch the audience with her style and wonderful voice. Dodd, the Eb cornet soloist is continuing to puzzle the public with his wonderful range on his instrument. Mr. James Lacy and his double band are making a great hit everywhere they appear. Messrs. Leach and Simmons, clarionet and saxaphone soloists; W. O. Terry, the master of the trombone; Wm Hedgepeth, euphonium soloist, B. S. Foster Bb cornet soloists; Pearl Brewer, alto soloist; supported by a number of able musicians makes one of the most able bands on the road. New Years day found us at Donaldsonville, La., the home of Billy Kersands, the peer of all colored comedians The parade was made at one o'clock, the streets were crowded with anxious people who had come for miles to see the minstrel king. After the performance the entire company was invited to the large hall where an elaborate spread was waiting the arrival of the famous Georgias. All enjoyed themselves until a late hour."

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Mr. C. Jakes Scotte, our representative with Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels writes:—Christmas has come and gone; the boys have had a nice time recieving and sending presents and enjoying themselves in ways too numerous to mention. We have turned the "Maharajah toward the South and will in a few days be in "warm" California. We received invitations already to attend a festival to be given by the Manhattan Club of Los Angeles (of which Mr. Rube Brown's father is President.) We predict a great time that night. Mr. Hillard Brewer, contortionist, joined in Portland after a long rest up on the coast. The boys were all glad to see Hillard and they all gathered around him to hear him tell of his perilous trip to the far north (Klondike) which was very interesting. Mr. Brewer has many new and novel tricks added to his act this season. One most worthy of mentioning is, he completely unjoints his body. The Ponce De Leon Comedy 4, Messrs S. C. Epps, Jas. Johnson, Will Garland and Jube Johnson, the swellest of the swells" is singing selections from Tanhauser in our first part making this one of the greatest singing hits of the show. Mr. Leroy Bland in his soubrette impersonations and terpischorean act still puzzles his audiences. Mr. Gordon Collins is doing a strong and pleasing burletta written by himself which has proven a winner. Louie Wright, trombonist has recovered from his illness and is out again. The press and public tell us we have the greatest colored minstrels brought to the coast. Thats the verdict rendered daily. We met the 'Coon Hollow Co.' in Portland. The colored members, especially the "smalls" Kid Asher, Lew Henry, Dude Gordon and Miss Alberta are very, very clever people. Success to you all. Mr. Jno. M. Bradshaw, vocalist with us is doing discriptive song work assisted by Bert Deleo. One of his favorite songs being, 'Suppose she were a sister of your own.' Mr. Rube Brown the 'big mouthed Californian' was presented with a handsome Stewart banjo by his father. Mr. Brown was highly pleased with it. Our literary club is composed of the following named gentlemen. C. J. Scotte, pres. Wm. C. Handy, sec; S. C. Epps, treas; the members are Jas. Johnson, John M. Bradshaw, Louie Wright, James English Tom White, D. C. Scott, Oliver Perry and Bert Deleo. The boys grasp the Freeman like hot cakes, on mail day to see the doings of the profession. The club has only been organized four weeks and is getting along nicely.

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Notes from P. G. Lowery's famous concert band: Enough can not be said in praises of this organization of colored musicians under the leadership of the talented young band master, P. G. Lowery. Two hours and fifteen minutes of solid concert given by this band to a large musical audience Xmas evening at Grand Forks N. D. The concert opened with a bright brisk bugle call which brought, P. G. Lowery in front of his already arrayed uniformed band which rendered the following program:

1 Overture, (Champion,)..........Band.
2 Alto solo,..........Harry L. Gilliam.
3 Polonaise, (Mountains Height)..Band.
4 March, (Empress)..............Band.
5 Trombone solo (Sea Flower) F. B. Wood
6 Waltz (Pleasant Memories)....Band.
7 Clarionet solo (Diana)....H. S. Lane.
8 Characterized (In Old Virginia) Band.
9 Brass Quartette, Baritone, Trombone, Alto and Cornet.
10 Tuba Solo, (Air Vari)..Joe Pleasant.
11 Stars and Stripes Forever,.....Band. (With cannon effect, flags, etc.)
12 LaRose De Castella,..........Band.
13 Trombone duett, (Rivals) Jas. Marton and F. B. Wood.
14 On the Levee,................Band.

After the band concert P. G. Lowery was so well pleased with the work of the band, he made the following address: "Gentlemen of the band, words are inadequate to express to you, as my highly esteemed band the honor and credit that was shown to us by the hearty applauses that followed every number on the program to-night. My selected soloists for the occassion, Mr. Joe Pleasant, Fountain Wood, Harry L. Gilliam and S. H. Lane displayed great taste in the rendition of their solos. Special mention is due Mr. Gillam in the perfect rendition of his alto solo. Being of a song style your tones produced were broad, bright, well sustained with careful breath control and perfect atact. The tuba solo rendered by Mr. Pleasant showed he was a master of his instrument. In regards to Mr. Wood I wish to say without flattery, your future as a trombone soloist is bright. You have a good tone, rapid execution and power. With your ambition you rank with the leading trombone soloists of the day. My clarionet soloist Mr. H. S. Lane played smooth, even and distinct. In regard to my cornet section Mr. J. T. Lewis, Wm. Malone and Jeff Smith, your unison passages were just like one with good power at the end of my baton. The harmony which was controlled by my alto section, Mr. Harry Gilliam and John Adams was even and sweet. Before concluding I wish to compliment my baritone, Mr. R. O. Henderson in the smoothness of the varions difficult cadencies in the Overture work. In regard to my battery, Messrs. Glenn, A. Gillam and Ben Benbry, your work was just like magic. Under my baton it seems as you work as one mind. Your Cres. work was perfect, F. Z. grand and your observation of the Piano and Forty passages was wonderful. Thanking you for your kind attention you are now invited to a wine supper at my expense at Brown's cafe. After this the boys gave three cheers to their director.

J. HARRY JACKSON.

June 26th, the time to New York over the Pennsylvania lines will be quickened. Train No. 20, the solid vestibule train which goes through to New York without change for either sleeping car or coach passengers, arrives Twenty-third street station, New York City, about one hour earlier than under the old schedule. The through time of this daily train is as follows under the new arrangement: Leaves Chicago 10:30 a. m., Indianapolis 2:30 p. m., Cincinnati 4:20 p. m., Dayton, 5:35 p. m., Columbus 7:50 p. m., arrives Pittsburg 1:40 a. m., central time: arrives Harrisburg 9:10 a. m., Baltimore 11:55 a. m., Washington, 1:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:52 a. m., Twenty-third street station, New York, 2:35 p. m., eastern time.

The time of Train No. 6 has also been quickened. Under the new schedule that train leaves Indianapolis 5:50 a. m., Cincinnati 8:15 a. m., Columbus 11:45 a. m., arrives Pittsburg 5:40 p. m., central time; arrives Harrisburg 2:00 a. m., arrives Baltimore 6:25 a. m., arrives Washington 7:40 a. m., arrives Philadelphia 4:50 a. m., arrives Twenty-third street station, New YorkCity, 7:45 a. m., eastern time. No. 6 has sleeping cars through to New York without change.

Items of Interest.

[illegible]burg, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Dora Hawkins, is on the sick list. T. R. Robinson: principal of the Tennessee Normal and Theological Institute at Newbern, Tenn., lectured at the C. P. church. Rev. M. D. Partee has been returned to his congregation. He is the right man in the right place. The Tennessee Normal and Theological Institute opened Jan. 1899. The ladies of the C. P. church celebrated the pastors second anniversary Tuesday Dec., 57th. Beech Grove C. P. church gave a grand entertainment Monday Dec. 26th. The C. P. church of Beech Grove hed a successful rally Xmas day, the following are the captains of the clubs: No. 1, Finas Light; No. 2. B. B. Light; No. 3, Peter Light; No. 4, T. W. Wilks; No. 5, G. W. Wynn; No. 6 Simon Jones. Bro. James Smith lost a fine horse a few days ago. Newt Fowlkes took a flying trip to Newbin Sunday morning.

Personal Mention.

Monnd City, Ill., Special.

John S. Sams, and Miss Pearl Devine, were married Dec. 20th, at Beechwood. Both were highly respected and prominent in society. We wish them success. Miss Martha Bolen spent Monday in Cairo, with relatives. Russell Pascal and Miss Mary Adams were united in marriage, Dec. 28th, at the residence of the groom, we wish them much joy. William Curtis of New Grand Chain, spent Thursday in this city, leaving Thursday night for Cairo. Mrs. Mosely and son Stacey, were the guest of Mrs. Parker, of Cairo, Thursday. Prof. J. W. Ware, spent Wednesday and Thursday with his parents, returning to Commerce, Mo., Friday where he will re-open school. Miss Josie M. Rucker, of Woodville, Ky., was the guest of Mrs. A. Lightfoot, Friday, returning Saturday to Woodville, to re-open school Monday. Jas. R. Campbell, and Miss Mary J. Brown were the guest of the Misses Owens of Villa Ridge, Friday.

The Freeman in Eufaula, Ala.

All persons in Eufaula, Ala., who would like to subscrcbe for The Freeman, please address W. H. Wallace Eufaula, Ala., office at A. H. Gary's barbershop.

Editor Freeman:—We must congratulate you on your beautiful Christmas number, I must say that it is the most wonderful paper I have ever read. With good wishes and good luck in the New Year. I remain Yours Respectfully,

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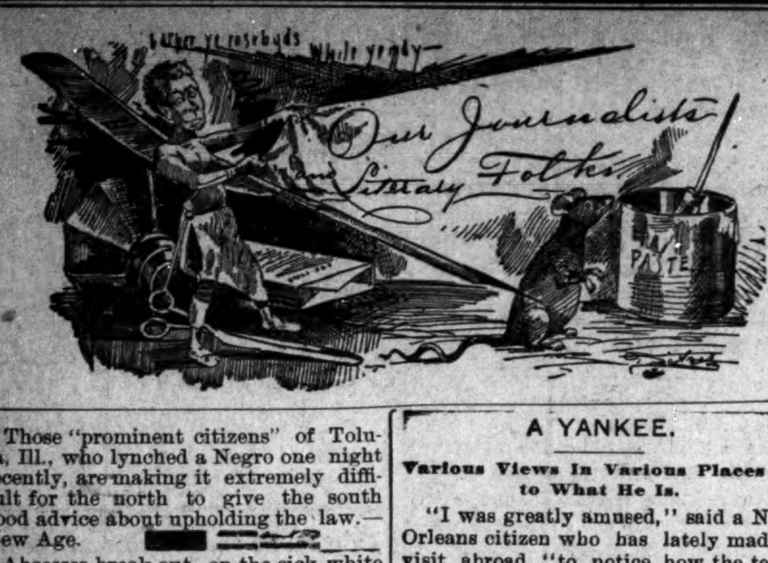

Those "prominent citizens" of Toluca, Ill., who lynched a Negro one night recently, are making it extremely difficult for the north to give the south good advice about upholding the law.—New Age.

Abcesses break out on the sick white man now and then. Sections or part of his anatomy make very little difference

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We have a great many newspapers published by colored people. Many of them are very creditable and are doing great good. We are obliged to state however that for obvious reasons which must occur to any truly thoughtful man The Appeal is in a position to do more good than any other journal issued by a man of color.—Atlanta Appeal.

Hold on C. H. J. Taylor. Take down your glasses and scan the Holiday number of The Freeman, then go read the eight commandment, and afterward apologize to the race.

It is generally conceded that the brainest Negroes of the country are the editors of the Negro journals and more beneficial results can be looked for from that source for the race than from any other, then why not hold up their hands by subscribing and paying for their journals.—McDonald Herald.

New Years resolutions are now in order. The above is of paramount importance.

President McKinley is firing the south with his eloquence, and he is trying to put some reason into the minds of southern hot heads.

His speech at Atlanta was vociferously applauded and he is being held up as the greatest Republican President since Grant.

He is making every possible effort to make the southern people forget the "War of the Rebellion" and unite with the north and become one and inseperable people.

How this strikes the average intelligent Negro is beyond our conception, but it is evident that McKinley is catering to southern sentiment regardless of the Negro. All we can do is watch and wait.—Daily Recorder.

What good does it do to watch and wait? Better get a hustle on you while you wait.

Says the Daily Times-Union of Jacksonville, Fla: "The Southern white man needs the negro. The negro needs the Southern white man. The better class of both races, those who know their interdependence ought to exert themselves actively to prevent the estrangement that is threatened. There was never a time when it was more necessary than it is now that each race should be dominated by its very best and wisest representatives."

Here is a solution that solves.

Rob not the poor because he is poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate; For the Lord will plead their cause and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them. —Florida Evangelist.

Yes vengence belongs to a just God.

Negroes all over the country are holding meetings in condemnation of the recent butcheries in the United States and if we dont't look out we will show up this country in a very bad light for the peace commissioners to work under. It's too bad.—Ex

Well, the peace commissioners are through to some extent, the world knows every injury inflicted upon the helpless Negro.

News in Brief.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mitchell Lewis of 1127 East 5th street has been on the sick list for a few days, but is much better at this writing. Miss Lucy Parker has resigned from the position as teacher in the public schools to do missionary work. We wish Miss Parker much successs in her new field of labor. Mrs. D. B. Jordan is building a new 6 room cottage on Mason avenue. Quite a number of the pupils returned from Knoxville College to spend Xmas here.

Nsws Notes.

Corinth, Miss., Special.

Miss Nannie Price of Middletown, Tenn., passed through the city recently enroute to visit friends. Prof. J. D. Wallace had the preference of fourteen schools. S. T. Summer is at Mt. Zion, six miles south of the city. W. T. Gibson has charge of Prospect school west of the city. G. W. Baker the former teacher at St. Luke is suspended for two years. Haymond Roind who has been on the sick list died recently.

Bible Baptism and Pearls of Information.

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A YANKEE.

Various Views In Various Places as to What He Is.

"I was greatly amused," said a New Orleans citizen who has lately made a visit abroad, "to notice how the term 'Yankee' widens in application as one gets farther and farther away from the habitat of the real thing.

"In New York a Yankee is commonly supposed to be a native of Connecticut, Vermont or Massachusetts, and I have noticed that the name is applied to mean skinflints rather than to the people in general. In St. Louis a Yankee is understood loosely to be any one from the extreme northeast. Here in New Orleans the term includes pretty nearly everybody above Mason and Dixon's line—in short, 'northerner' and 'Yankee' are more or less synonymous.

"Now comes the really absurd part of it, although quite in line with what I have just remarked. While I was in London I found myself continually referred to as a 'Yankee' by natives who had learned I was from New Orleans. 'I think you Yankees are very charming people,' said a big wholesaler who wanted to be extra pleasant. 'I know several from your state.' I tried to explain at first, but I soon got tired of that. I was sure to be greeted by a stare of amazement. 'But I thought all Americans were Yankees, doncherknow,' would be the usual protest.

"Later on I met a very intelligent hotel keeper at Bern, in Switzerland, and in the course of conversation he remarked that he had an extremely agreeable countryman of mine staying at his house the previous season. 'As you are both Yankees,' he said, 'you may by chance know him.' 'Where does he live?' I asked. 'In Buenos Ayres,' replied the hotel keeper."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

INDIAN SIGNAL SERVICE.

They Have Long Telephoned by the Use of Drums.

Travelers in uncivilized countries have often wondered how some savage tribes were able to transmit news for hundreds of miles with no apparent facilities for doing so. An interesting light is thown on this subject by Jose Bach, who tells of the means by which the Indians on the Amazon communicate with each other at a distance. The natives live in groups of 100 to 200 persons in settlements half a mile or a mile apart. In each dwelling there is a wooden drum, which is buried for half its height in sand mixed with fragments of wood, bone and mica, and has a triple diaphragm of leather, wood and rubber. When this drum is struck with a wooden mallet, the sound travels far and is distinctly heard in the other drums in the neighboring dwellings.

It is beyond doubt that the transmission of the sound takes place through the earth, since the blows struck are scarcely audible outside of the houses in which the instruments are placed. After a "malocca," or dwelling, has been "called up" by an initial blow conversation is carried on between the two drums. Mr. Bach's explanation is that the communication is facilitated by the nature of the ground, the drums doubtless resting upon one and the same stratum of rock, since transmission through ordinary alluvial earth could not be depended upon. This method furnishes an ingenious modification of the process employed by Indians for perceiving distant noises, such as the gallop of a horse, which consists in applying the ear to the earth.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Uses of Adversity.

It is something new to discover that a bodily affliction can assist one in mastering the difficulties of learning a foreign language, but there is a case of the kind on record.

Miss Gertrude came down stairs one morning with red eyes, a swollen nose and a generally distressed appearance.

"What is the matter, Gertrude?" asked her mother.

"An awful cold in my head," she replied.

"I am very sorry," said her sympathizing parent.

"I was when I got up," cheerfully rejoined the young miss, "but I'm not now. I can get that French nasal sound exactly. Tray be-ong. Bong zhoor. How's that?"—Youth's Companion.

A Game Jockey.

Tod Sloane's gameness will never be questioned by those who saw him win a race on Walter in a nose finish at the old East St. Louis track some years ago. After the race Tod was hardly able to dismount. Then it was learned that he had broken an arm in the race. It seems that he was crowded against the fence in a jam around one of the turns and broke his arm. Switching the reins to his good arm, he rode the race out with great determination, putting up a "Garrison finish" and winning on the post by the narrowest possible margin. It was an exhibition of gameness the like of which was never before heard of in the history of the American turf.—Chicago Record.

Professor Bryce made a bad slip in his book on South Africa. He accuses the Boers of abusing the English by speaking of them usually as "rotten eggs," whereas the Transvaal phrase is root neck, "red neck," and applies to the British complexion.

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Mr. Wright says no one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers unless he knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. Mr. Wright's case was an extreme case. He suffered for many years. He saw his physical powers go from him as the result of insiduous disease until he was reduced to a condition of senility and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

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W. J. BROYLES,
Fulton, Mo.

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My little girl Teresa, had been suffering for for three years with scrofula and we had given up all hopes of saving her, the doctors had failed to relieve her and the enlargement of her face and neck grew more serious each day.

After trying everything we thought could effect a cure, and finding nothing to any purpose we decided that her case was incurable.

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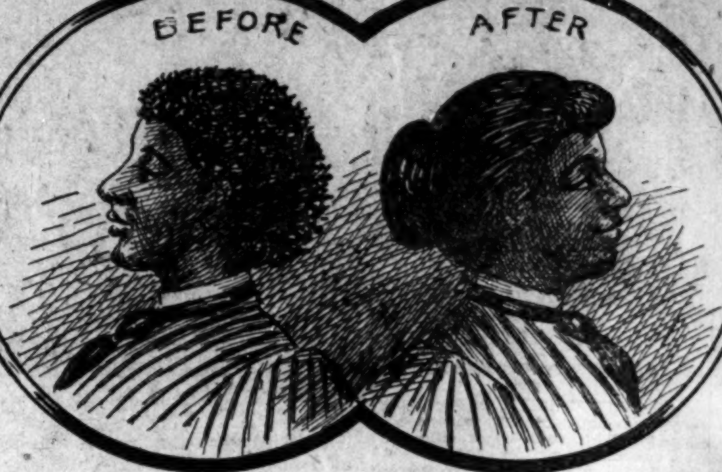

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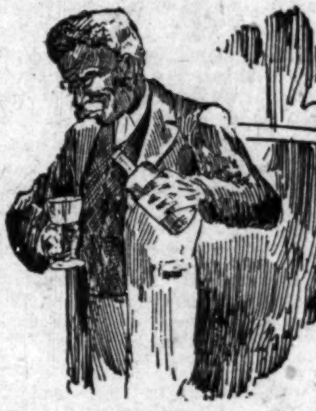

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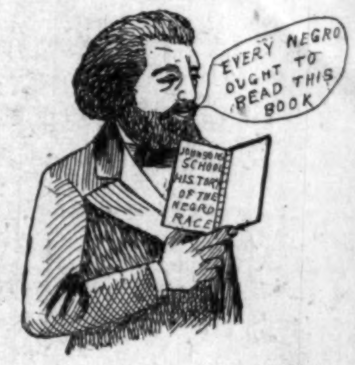
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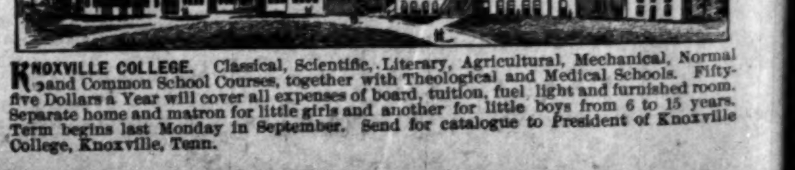

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BY NED LMO BEE.

Al Herford, gives out the statement that he has a colored heavy-weight named Jack McCabe, whom he would like to match against any of the big fellows, barring of course, those in the first division.

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Joe Gans has been matched to box Otta Sieloff, in Chicago on Jan., 22. Also Gans's manager received a dispatch on the 28th of Dec., from the Excelsior Atheletic Club, of San Francisco to the effect that that club would give a purse of $4,500 for a bout between Gans and Kid Lavigne some time in February Word was quickly wired back that the offer would be accepted provided the purse is guaranteed and that the club would defray expenses. In the future Gans will not box any one over 133 pounds.

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Jim Janey, has been matched to box Andy Walsh, New York at the Greenwood Atheletic Club, New York City. The affair will take place in a few weeks and is limited to twenty rounds.

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Bobby Dobbs has made quite a hit in England. A sport there has signified his willingness to back Dobbs against Burge again for $5000 a side. Should Burge not accept, Dobbs will then try to meet Johnny Hughes. the lightweight champion of England.

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Jockey Charley Macklin is about the only colored rider that has been getting mounts at the 'Frisco tracks this year. Up to a couple of weeks ago not a colored jockey had ridden in a race at either Oakland or Ingleside, this season.

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Tom O'Rourke has been in communication with Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," relative to arranging a match between Craig and George Beyers. Craig is willing to accept but demands expenses. This causes a hitch because O'Rourke says he won't give it. It is likely though that Craig may come to this country at the solicitation of his American backer, Dave Holland who is willing to pay his way to this side of the Atlantic.

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A GIANT IN THE RING.

Ottawa, Dec. 25—"Big Ed" Dunkhorst of Syracuse, will never astound the citizens of this place with his ponderosity. Harry Gilmore has discovered the "Sky Scraper," a negro who answers to the name of Henry Johnson. In height the colored prodigy measures, 7 feet 2 inches and weighs 265 pounds. While not a scientific boxer, he has enormous strength, which, coupled with his size is thought sufficient to make him a world beater. He will be matched against some hard hitter at the next boxing show in order to ascertain his worth.

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BLACK GRIFFO KNOCKED OUT.

Jack Waldron, white, of Trenton, N. J. in one of the fastest bouts held this season, defeated "Black" Griffo, of New York at the Trenton Athletic Club on the Afternoon of Dec. 26 in presence of 1500 people. Waldron showed superb work throughout and clearly outpointed Griffo. At the end of the fourteenth round Griffo was out and being unable to come to time at the opening of the fifteenth round, Waldron was awarded the decision.

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"A RINGER" FOR DOBBS.

The following humorous bit is related anent the Dodbs-Burge affair, in which Burge was bested by Dodds:

"This minstrel and Dobbs look as much alike as the proverbial 'two peas in a pod,' the only difference being in their physical development. Dobbs has muscles like whipcords and looks the fighter from top to toe, while the operatic man is decidedly the reverse. However, he was kept within calling distance while at Jumbo's, and whenever any visitors chanced along, and not a few of these were 'tipsters' for the Mitchell-Burge combination, the 'ringer' was put to work, while Bobby retired for a quiet nap or a little jaunt down the back roads.

"When several people dropped in whom Barnes knew came from the camp of the enemy they were treated with the utmost consideration and Dobbs' 'shadow' was put through his paces from first to last. Five minutes with the bag or a two-round spar reduced the supposed Dobbs to a limp mass of perspiring darkness, and Mitchell's friends hied themselves to Brighton filled with glee and quickly imparted the information to Charley that 'Dick could win in a punch.' And so things went until the weighing in at New Castle upon the afternoon of the fight.

"Burge had stepped from the scales when in walked the real Bobby Dobbs. He peeled off his coat and stepped up to be weighed. Mitchell looked from Dobbs to Burge and then held a whispered consultation with one of his friends, who, by the way, was one of those who had visited the 'Ballot Box.'

" 'Say,' finally blurted out Charley to Barnes, 'that isn't Dobbs.'

" 'Isn't Dobbs; why not?' replied 'brother John.'

" 'Why—why'—and then Charley saw he was in the wrong, and, with an 'All right, we'll see,' walked out. But Mitchell was not the only surprised one, for when Dobbs stood up to face Burge there was many a gasp of surprise and an examination of 'How he has improved!' from those who had seen the 'shadow' at work at the 'Ballot Box.'

"Mitchell wired after the battle for the stakes to be held and claims all kinds of things, but although the stakes have been paid over under protest I cannot see how they can go behind the referee's decission. And so is completed half of John Barnes's revenge against Burge and Palmer for 'throwing him down' after promising to go to America with him last Spring. Palmer is yet to be dealt with."

News From the Sunny South.

Athen, Ga., Special.

During last week our city was visited by Mr. G. S. Neal traveling representative of The Freeman. He reported remarkable success while here taking in one hundred or more subscribers for the Freeman from the best people of our city, both white and colored. Mr. Neal thoroughly understands his work and the easy and business like manner with which he goes about it, demands for him the highest respect of both races and assures him of marked success. Dr. E. B. Jefferson, one of the leading dentists of Nashville, Tenn., is to be in the city within the next few days, to visit relatives and friends. The Woman's Club of this city is in a prosperous condition and means to make itself felt wherever it touches. It is composed of our most active and entergetic women, who are making noble efforts to better the conditions about them. There is a meeting every fortnight during which time the needs and conditions of our own race are thoroughly studied with plans and wise suggestions to remedy them. At the last meeting arrangements were made for a liberal Christmas offering to the needy of our city. Already there are fair promises for full enjoyment during the holidays. The holiday week was full of enjoyable entertainments. Thursday evening was indeed an enjoyable one for all who attended the entertainment at the home of M. C. Reid. It has been very gratifying to notice the rapid growth and increased interest in the Congregational Church here for the past two years. Dr. C. S. Haynes pastors the church and has done remarkable work. The excellent form of service and strict discipline have, no doubt given rise to this very rapid and noticeable growth. The members seem to manifest a real christian spirit and each seems to feel he has some active part to do towards sustainig the church. Truly we need to feel this earnest zeal in the making of any perfect society. First, it must be felt in the home and when we once recognize its importance there we can better conceive what it takes to sustain any good organization whether church or other society. The city schools have closed with a vacation of one month instead of two weeks as has been the usual custom. This action in all likelihood is advisable as some of our severest weather comes in the month of January.

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"The result," says an English tourist, "is positively charming. Hundreds of little chipmunks, with their gaudy striped backs, scampered impudently about or peered at the passing coach from the roadside. The squirrel did not bolt for the nearest tree, but nodded a welcome. All bird life treated us likewise. Even the lordly eagle hovered near, and the wild turkey stalked unconcernedly through the rank grass. We were fortunate enough to see a fine specimen of the wolf tribe. He stood, a beautiful creature, and watched us out of sight, showing only curiosity, not fear. Another time were perceived a doe and fawn grazing by the road. Not until we were within a few feet did they seek the shelter of the woods, yet not to fly. They simply moved aside. Here at least mankind was regarded as a friend—one who could be trusted. The only animal who ran away was a brown bear. He turned tail at the sight of a coaching party, yet it was quite a common thing for bears to approach close to the hotels at evening to feed on the refuse thrown out. It was an after dinner relaxation for the guests to watch them feeding. They munched and disputed the choicest morsels, for the most part indifferent to the company. Only when we became inquisitive and approached too near did they retire, and these animals were perfectly free and unfettered in their movements. It may read like a fairy tale, but it is solid fact."—Troy Times.

MEN OF GENIUS.

Nature Likes Them Not and Invariably Crushes the Breed.

Through all time men of genius have scoffed at and have ridiculed the attempts of purse proud old "richesse" to create superior orders of manhood. Nor is this a matter for wonder. They were and are ridiculous. Yet these attempts are repeated every hour. Considering them one would suppose that wealth, titles, dignities, are talismans which insure virtue and honor and personal worth and beauty in those to whom they descend. Talismans are ridiculous, and so are titles.

Nobility is of blood and not of garters, royal sponsors and christening robes. Pedigrees, portraits and family history when truthful tell us a great deal about the nobility of a race. Titles, quarterings and patents are worthless, and the production of a great genius is in general as bad a sign as the production of a great profligate. Races that produce geniuses should be avoided. The best is the second best—the normal.

Genius, as some one (Victor Hugo, I think) has finely said, is a promontory stretching out into the ocean of the infinite. Look for the descendants of Shakespeare, Bacon, Macaulay, Wellington, Nelson, Gibbon, Swift, Voltaire, Carlyle, Bonaparte, Goldsmith, Spencer, Milton, Cromwell, Disraeli—to take a few names at random—and you will find that they are not, for the genius is always a transgressor of the normal—a "sport." He is never symmetrical. Such a one nature likes not, and she makes provision for the extinction of his race.—Humanitarian.

Illuminated Buoys.

Another form of beacon for mariners of smaller dimensions, but hardly less important, is the illuminated buoy. These floating lamp holders, placed in an estuary where the available channel is often only a narrow one, bounded by mud or sand banks only a few feet below the surface of the water, are invaluable to shipping, Hitherto the illuminant chiefly employed has been compressed gas, necessitating a high pressure reservoir and compressing machinery.

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A Warm England.

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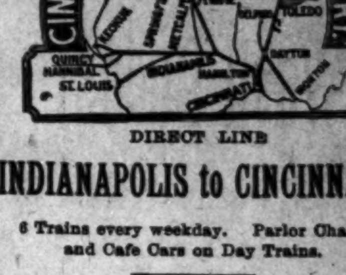

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TOWN TALK.

A. Means, visited friends in Henderson, Ky., recently.

Mr. Frank Morton has returned after an absence of three years.

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Lawyers Henderson & Burkett, are in their new office, 635 Lemcke Building.

Mrs. W. H. Lonas spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Louisville, Ky.

Mr Henry Fielding, of Cincinnati, O., was the guest of friends here last week.

Rev. D. A. Graham, left for Baltimore, Md., last Wednesday on Christian Endeavor business.

Captain Jacob Porter and Lieutenant Bess of the Indiana Volunteers, were guests here recently.

Mr. Firmin C. Brown, after spending some months in the city has retruned to his home in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Marguret Robinson, after spending a few of the holidays in the city, returned to Shelbyville, Ind., Monday.

Mrs. George Jackson and son, Woodford of 607 W. North street, have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Detroit, Mich.

Corporel Willis O. Tyler returned to his post at Chickamauga Park, Ga., after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives here and Bloomington, Ind.

Robert Turner, colored, died at his home, No. 391 West Second street, last week. He was seventy years old. For many years he was the sexton at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Sergeant Mack Larter, of Company B. Indiana Volunteers now stationed at Chickamauga Park, Ga., was the guest of relatives and friends during the holidays. Mr. Larter has returned to his post.

Miss L. Elkins entertained New Years day at the home of Mrs. L. Thurston, in Darnell street, in honor of Miss Walker of Lexington, Ky. An enjoyable time was had by all who were present.

Rev. H. Charles Pope, of Washington, D. C., who is giving stereopticon views of the American lynch law over the country was a visitor at The Freeman sanctum last week. Mr. R. J. Temple accompanied him.

G. T. Covington, of Canton, Miss., attended the wedding of his daughter in Terre Haute, during the holidays and was the guest of friends here a few days. Mr. Covington gave The Freeman sanctum a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. Cartmill, of Clarinda. Ia., paid the city a flying visit, the guest of Mr. rnd Mrs. Henry C. Turner, 1126 Fayette street. Mr. Cartmill was formerly a resident of this city, and says that he can't find anything in the West that can fill the place of The Freeman.

Complimentary Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, entertained at dinner at their residence on Yandes street, Capt. Porter and wife, Hon. Geo, L. Knox and wife, Mesdames L. Smoots and Lillian Thomas. Dinner was served from 1 p. m., to 3 p. m, The spread was elaborate, and portrayed the disposition of the host and hostess to do nothing by halves. Capt. Porter an honored citizen, now doing military dnty at the Chicamauga post may rest assured of the firm and abiding esteem in which Indianapolis citizens hold him. This doubtless a generous fitting manner of declaring a re-assurance of the fact. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd are congratulated by The Freeman for their impressionable timely hospitality. Every one enjoyed to their utmost the excellent dinner and social meeting at this elegant home.

OZONIZED OX MARROW was the first preparation for making kinky hair straight. It has been sold many years. Now the market is flooded with all sorts of articles. The manufacturers of these imitations are all very young in the business of straithening curly hair. Some of these adventurers claim to have "improved" on our Wonderful Discovery. Ozonized Ox Marrow was invented by an old experienced chemist. It is not posiible to improve it for it stands to-day the one perfect article which never fails to give complete satisfaction. Mothers who have kept their own hair beautiful with the old reliable "Ozonized" will not risk trying anything else on the tender heads of their children. They know it is safe and harmless and alway does the work just right. Besides it is so concentrated that their is really a dollars worth in each 50 cent bottle. Send 50 cents to the Ozonized Ox Marrow Co., 15 Washington St., Chicago, Ill., for a bottle and you will not regret it.

A Stag Party.

Mr. William Taylor complimented his genial friends with a stag party at the residence of Mrs. Henderson, N. California street, Tuesday Dec. 27th. Those present were, Messrs William Thompson, Al Struthers, Thos. Waddell, Harry Payton of Chicago, Toldie Boyd, William Taylor, Harry Radcliff, Leander Larkins, Ed. Perkins, and Harrry Wyatt. The gentlemen repaired from the party to the B. O. of C. P's., entertainment after participating in the refreshments of the host. The boys in one unanimious and loud acclaim say "Many happy returns, friend Taylor. The entire evening was a pleasure seeking and pleasure making success.

How Two-Cent Fare Will Affect Business.

Notwithstanding the continual increase in expenditures for improvements demanded by this progressive age, there has not been perceptable increase in the net revenue collected by railways. On the other hand it has required careful financiering and shrewd business tact to carry on the business successfully, particularly in recent years when depression in trade has affected business circles generally. It will be lamentable, indeed, if the legislature enacts a law compelling railways to make passenger two cents per mile thereby strangle an industry which gives employment to thousands of citizens and which annually pays into the State funds an enormous amount of money.

A two-cent fare law can not result otherwise. If railway profits are now at a low ebb, a compulsory reduction in revenue will sink them still deeper. Less revenue will necessitate curtailing of expenses which will naturally affect the list of employes, number of trains and standard of service. Improvements will not go on, and the salary list will be shortened. Nearly every railway city, town and hamlet in the State has one or more railway employes in its population, and one or more families dependent upon the pay car of some railway. Less revenue for the railway means the disbursement of less money through employes. The effect will be felt on all sides; decreased salaries and idle men will lesson the demand for various articles and an era of business stagnation will result.

Notice.

To the traveling public colored, the Hotel Langston a three story building, with 62 rooms, 2 large parlors, 1 large dinning room, all new furniture, held its grand opening Tnusday Dec., 29, '98. And will from thence forward tronage is solicited. Mrs. M. D. Bronglin,, proprietress, Hot Springs, Ark.

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Reducing Taxes on Railways.

If railways are obliged to lower fares one-third by the enactment of a two-cent fare law, will it not be just as reasonable for them to expect a one-third reduction in the amount of taxes they are required to annually pay into State and County funds? A reduction of one-third in the vast sum of State and county taxes paid by the railways will mean a great deal to a State, but not any more than a two-cent fare means to the railways.

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My Dear Sir:—I want to congratulate you and The Freeman force on getting out such a splendid Christmas number. In addttion to the many excellent signed articles and much high class editorial matter, the mechanical get up of the paper is most commendable, you have surpassed yourself.

Yours Truly.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Elwood C, Knox, Esq.,

No one I am sure will attempt to deny the truth that the 1898 Christmas number of The Freeman is the finest edition of a Negro newspaper that has ever been published in the history of Negro journalism from whatever standpoint. My restless eagerness for its early arrival was more than repaid in its quiet perusals. Indeed it made me think more than ever of the possibilities to be obtained by a well supported Negro newspaper. I like to contribute to The Freeman because of the one principle it has,—a principle that cannot help but make it the ideal newspaper organ of the race; the endeavor to print all the news; not the news of certain factions or clicks, but as the people's paper, the news of the people, irrespective of their position in life.

The Freeman is certainly making rapid strides in advance of all its competitors and as I said on a former occasion in demonstrating in more ways than one that it is "the King of them all." Its 20 pages of the issue before me illustrates in every article that it is keeping abreast of the times and deserves the hearty support of the race throughout the country. All hail The Christmas Freeman '98.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
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1525 Dean street. Brooklyn. N. Y.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

Dear Sir:—Permit me to extend to you my hearty congratulations upon your Christmas number of The Freeman, we consider that number in our minds as the highest type of the Negro journalism in America and well worth the consideration and high appreciation of any thinking class of people. May your success in the journalistic field continue on. higher and higher in the scales of excellency.

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Editor of The Freeman:—I am in receipt of the Christmas issue of The Freeman. Enclosed I am pleased to hand you payment for and a stamped wrapper for 5 copies of the Christmas number. I am so well pleased with this number that I would like to send a few copies to my soldier friends far off in Cuba that they might peruse the columns of the race's greatest mouthpiece, with even greater interest than I search its pages. Send them by immediate return mail.

Yours for continued race progress,
JOHN Jr THOMAS,
1324 Union Ave., P. O. Station "A."
Kansas City, Mo.

Editor Freeman:—Your Xmas number of The Freeman has excelled any paper daily or weekly that has reached Meridian so far. I have not got enough papers to fill my orders, please send me 10 more at once, and if I want more I hope you will let me have them, a great many took a copy that did not order it, therefore I have to order more. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours for success in 1899,
T. MURRAY.
Meridian, Miss.

Pine Bluff, Ark., 12, 27, '98

Dear Editor Knox:—The Freeman came to my desk this Christmas filled with the latest and the best of all good things, of news and beauty. I have read the newspapers nearly all my life, and have seen American, English and German newspapers of art, science and literature, but it is a fact that your Christmas edition surpasses anything of the kind I have ever read. Your paper is the exponent of a true genius business and go-aheadativeness. Evidently all you need to create a great journal is a strong aggressive support from your people should they unite from the great west and south upon your paper and give to it such support as they are able to give it, you would build up an engine of protection for the people, as strong and impregnable in this country as the Rock of Gibralter. Your paper is a credit to your race and its country. Your patriotism is not to be surpassed by any journal extant. You have demonstrated to the world the possibility of first class journalism. and you have stuck to it, and built up a paper that has taken its place to stay against all comers and goers. No man need doubt along this line. Unlike some others whatever your paper says can be depended on. It is chaste in language, and philosophic in its expression. Its mechanical work is second to none. clean clear facial type, the impression of its rollers is as regular, smooth and pretty as sunlight and the paper in its morality as pure as the thoughts of a pilate. God bless you and your great herculean effort to drive the quill of justice, morality and common sense into the home, head and heart of every American citizen. Go forward and fight the battles of a poor and oppressed people. God may have chosen and designated the force of your diamond point to split the Chinese wall of prejudice and grant to the American people of color freedom. Yours Truly,

A. M. MIDDLEBROOKS.

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